

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated December 17, 2007 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

By this Amendment, claims 55-59 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 18, 35 and 46 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Claim 47 is withdrawn. Claims 1-46 and 48-54 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). Applicant respectfully submits that this objection is now believed to be moot in view of the amended drawings and specification.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 4-12, 18, 21-31, 35, 37-41 and 48-54 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Yamamoto et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,445,432); rejected claims 2-3, 19-20 and 36 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamamoto et al. in view of Shin et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,825,449); rejected claims 2-3, 19-20 and 36 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamamoto et al. in view of Shin et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,825,449); and rejected claims 13-17, 32-34 and 42-44 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamamoto et al. in view of Song (U.S. Patent No. 6,307,602).

These rejections are respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Claim 1 is allowable over the cited references in that claim 1 recites, for example, a combination of elements, "...wherein a top surface of the color filter substantially has the same level as a top surface of the light-shielding color filter patterns." Claim 18 is allowable over the cited references in that claim 18 recites, for example, a combination of elements, "...wherein a top surface of the color filter substantially has the same level as a top surface of the light-shielding color filter patterns." Claim 35 is allowable over the cited references in that claim 35 recites, for example, a combination of elements, "...wherein a top surface of the color filter substantially has the same level as a top surface of the light-shielding color filter patterns." Claim 46 is

allowable over the cited references in that claim 46 recites, for example, a combination of elements, "...wherein a top surface of the color filter substantially has the same level as a top surface of the light-shielding color filter patterns." None of the cited references teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 and its dependent claims 2-17, claim 18 and its dependent claims 19-34, claim 35 and its dependent claims 36-45, and claim 46 and its dependent claims 48-54 are allowable over the cited references.

Applicants believe the foregoing discussion places the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

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